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### **REP. WAXMAN ANNOUNCES NEW WHISTLEBLOWER TIP LINES To Accept Internet Tips on Iraq Contracting Abuses, Intelligence Failures, Other Issues**

WASHINGTON – Today Rep. Henry A. Waxman announced the establishment of a tip line for whistleblowers to report potential waste, fraud, abuse, and other forms of corporate profiteering in the contracts for Iraq's reconstruction. These contracts are worth tens of billion of dollars. The tip line, along with several others, will be posted on the Government Reform Committee's minority website ([www.house.gov/reform/min](http://www.house.gov/reform/min)).

Rep. Waxman has repeatedly sought information from the White House and other government agencies, such as the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), about U.S. government contracts with corporations seeking to do business in Iraq. The White House and USAID have consistently rebuffed these requests, frustrating congressional oversight.

"Oversight is needed to ensure that U.S. taxpayers are not being overcharged by corporations trying to profiteer in Iraq," Rep. Waxman said. "I created the tip line because the White House refuses to respond to congressional inquiries about Halliburton and other well-connected contractors."

In addition to the tip line on Iraq contracting abuses, Rep. Waxman also announced the creation of two other tip lines. One will assist Rep. Waxman's efforts to investigate the gathering, analysis, and use of intelligence related to Iraq, including the exposing of the identity of a covert intelligence agent. Another tip line will help congressional investigators pursue other reports of waste, fraud, and abuse in government programs and the private sector.

Rep. Waxman previously established an Internet tip line for whistleblowers to report abuses by the Enron Corporation. This tip line generated thousands of valuable leads that were pursued by congressional investigators.